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SUBJECT: ALLON STATEMENTS ON UNSC DEBATE

1. FOLLOWING ARE OFFICIAL GOI TEXTS OF FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON'S JANUARY 27 STATEMENTS CONCERNING A) US VETO OF UNSC RESOLUTION AND B) ISRAELI POSITION ON RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE.

2. IN JANUARY 27 TELEVISION INTERVIEW ALLON SAID
BEGIN TEXT: THE U.S. STOOD BY ITS COMMITMENTS IN ALL
MOVES UNDERTAKEN FROM THE OPENING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
DEBATE UP TO THE FINAL NEGATIVE VOTE OF THE "NINE".
THE UNITED STATES' VOTE CANCELLED OUT ANY OPERATIVE VALUE
THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION MIGHT HAVE HAD. THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE VOTE WAS NOT JUST IN THE U.S.' STANDING
BY ITS COMMITMENTS--IT GENERALLY STICKS TO EXPLICIT
COMMITMENTS--BUT IN THE FACT THAT THE AMERICAN VETO
NOT ONLY PREVENTED THE ADOPTION OF A DAMAGING AND NEGATIVE
RESOLUTION WHICH MIGHT HAVE ACCELERATED THE DETERIOR-
ATION OF THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT ALSO SET
RIGHT THE WRONG THAT LAY IN WAIT FOR US IN THE
UNANIMOUS ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 338 OF THE 30 NOVEMBER.

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END TEXT.

3. IN RADIO INTERVIEW SAME DAY ALLON STATED
BEGIN TEXT: IF LESS EXTREMIST ARAB STATES--NONE OF THEM
IS MODERATE, THERE ARE JUST LESS EXTREMIST AND MORE
EXTREMIST--DO NOT SUBORDINATE THEIR OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS
TO THE CAPRICES OF DAMASCUS AND THE BLIND EXTREMISM OF THE
P.L.O. THEN THERE IS A CHNCE OF HOLDING THE GENEVA CON-
FERENCE EVEN WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF ONE OR ANOTHER
OF THE STATES. BUT IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THAT
AT THE PRESENT JUNCTURE WE SHALL SEE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE
CONVENED SOON. WE MUST THEREFORE PERSIST IN OUR CALL TO
RECONVENE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S
LETTERS OF INVITATION TO THE FIRST CONFERENCE.

4. THIS WOULD NOT ONLY BE AN ANSWER TO THE STERILE AND
UNBENDING POLICY OF THE SYRIANS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL,
BUT ALSO THE WAY WE WOULD ALWAYS PREFER TO TAKE. WE SHALL
BE PLEASED IF OUR PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED, BUT THAT IN NO
WAY MEANS THAT OUR WAY IN GENEVA WILL BE SMOOTH-PAVED.
WE SHALL HAVE SERIOUS STRUGGLES THERE. IF THE ARAB SIDE
REJECTS THE RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, THEN
AT LEAST THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RESULTING DEADLOCK
WILL FALL ON THEIR SHOULDERS, NOT ON OURS. END TEXT.
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